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Reflecting on pedestrian safety

Empty gesture? Police hand out thousands of shiny arm bands in the wake of recent collisions

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It might make a good statement, but police passing out reflective arm bands will not put a stop to vehicle-pedestrian accidents in the city, says Fall River resident Riley Jones.

"Pedestrians in Halifax are notoriously confident on the road," Jones said while walking in the downtown core on Tuesday.

"They feel like they own it; they expect drivers to always be able to stop for them."

Halifax police handed out

hundreds of reflective arm bands to pedestrians at the corner of Queen Street and Spring Garden Road on Tuesday afternoon in an effort to promote crosswalk safety.

"The darker, colder and snowier months of the year seem to be more prevalent for accidents between pedestrians and cars," said Sgt. Dave Reynolds.

"Add a little bit of snow or frost or rain onto a windshield ... and it's one of those things that have obviously become a recipe for disaster."

Police hope the arm bands will make pedestrians more noticeable to drivers in low-visibility conditions.

All told, police handed out about 3,000 arm bands Tuesday, with officers also active in Dartmouth, Bedford and the city's west end.

"Obviously (you) want people to feel comfortable on the streets and feel OK walk-

Collisions

51

The number of pedestrians struck by vehicles so far this year, including 33 in crosswalks

ing around, but I also think pedestrians need to give due respect to vehicles and watch out," said Jones.

However, some saw the issue differently.

"It's in everybody's self-interest to watch out, but when it comes down to whose fault it is, more responsibility falls on the driver," said Andrew Glencross from Halifax.

Halifax's most recent vehicle-pedestrian accident happened Monday evening when a vehicle struck a 17-year-old woman pushing a baby in a stroller against the light at an intersection in Clayton Park.

Luckily, neither the teen nor the baby were seriously hurt.

"It's a two-way street, and I think cars and pedestrians both need to step up and just really take their time," Jones said.



Halifax Regional Police Const. Marshall Williams hands out reflective arm bands to passing pedestrians on Spring Garden Road. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Streets of rage?

"It's becoming more of a war between pedestrians and drivers. The more aggressive drivers get, the more aggressive pedestrians have to get."

Haligonian Andrew Glencross

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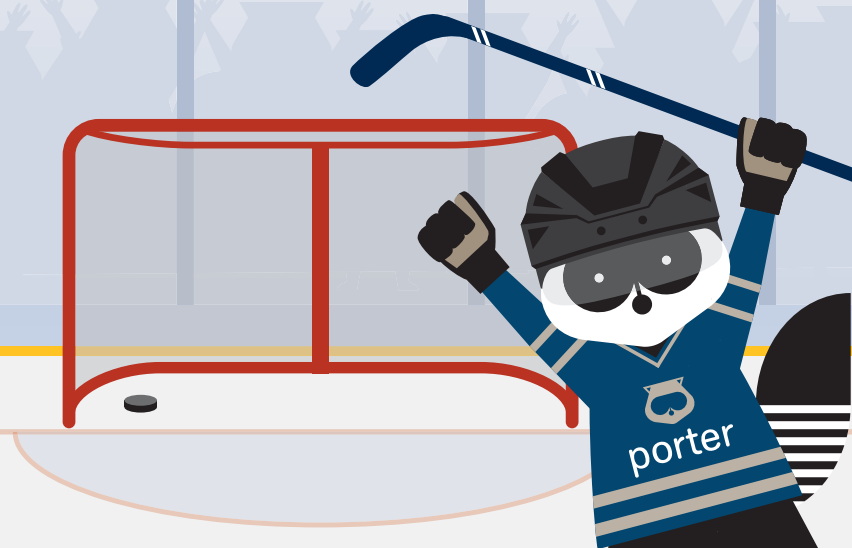
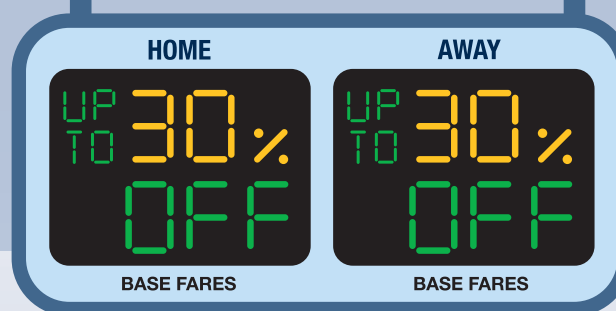
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South Park YMCA to close May 30

Farewell. Plans for new downtown Halifax facility are said to be 'moving forward'



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The South Park YMCA will be closing its doors at the end of May, and many of its members are sad to see it go.

On Tuesday, the YMCA of Greater Halifax/Dartmouth announced the downtown Halifax location will close on May 30, but plans to build a new facility on the corner of South Park and Sackville streets are "moving forward."

"I'm sorry to see it close," said Janice Waite on Tuesday as she left the YMCA.

The organization has been planning to close the South Park location and build a new facility in the current CBC building on Sackville Street for the past few years.

YMCA user Erin McDermott said it "sucks" the South Park location is closing since she uses the facility a few times a week, but she will likely start going to the Dartmouth YMCA.

New facility

The YMCA says the future centre will include a public atrium, aquatic centre, gymnasium, indoor track, program studios, change rooms and a licensed child care/family development centre.

"I like that it's community-based. It's not just a corporate gym ... the money goes back to the community," she said.

Bette Watson-Borg, YMCA of Greater Halifax/Dartmouth president, said the new facility is expected to open in 2017.

Watson-Borg said the aging site has reached the "end of its useful life" and it's not accessible for people with mobility issues.

"That doesn't work very well with an organization that is open and inclusive to all."

The YMCA is continuing to negotiate with a development partner to open the new 70,000-square-foot YMCA Centre of Community, which has been proposed as part of a mixed-use private development.



Bette Watson-Borg, president of the YMCA of Greater Halifax/Dartmouth, poses for a photo outside the South Park location. JEFF HARPER/METRO

The project is expected to cost \$30 million, which Watson-Borg said includes the design phase, construction and fully equipping the new space.

Watson-Borg said she's "really encouraged" by the progress in negotiations with

partners like the developer and CBC, but she could not say when the details will be finalized.

"It is a complex project, it's a large project, and it's vital that all of the parties have completed all aspects of what they need for this part-

nership," she said.

Seven full-time and 33 part-time positions will be affected by the closure, but Watson-Borg said they will work with each employee on a "case-by-case basis" to support them through the transition.

Advocate hopes Saunders vigil spurs inquiry



Loretta Saunders FACEBOOK

A native group says it hopes a vigil planned Wednesday in Ottawa for Loretta Saunders will prompt the federal government to consider a public inquiry into the murder rates of aboriginal women.

Cheryl Maloney, president of the Nova Scotia Native Women's Association, says the death of the Inuit woman has drawn widespread concern among both aboriginal

and non-native Canadians who feel the issue deserves greater attention.

"I think that Loretta's case broke through a lot of stereotypes of what missing and murdered aboriginal women look like in this country," Maloney said.

Halifax police allege the Saint Mary's University student was killed Feb. 13, the day she was last seen, at a

Halifax apartment she once shared with the two people charged with first-degree murder in her death.

Saunders' body was found two weeks later on a median off the Trans-Canada Highway west of Moncton.

Maloney said her death is a reminder that native women are dying violently for a variety of reasons that need deeper examination.

Halifax MP Megan Leslie, who will be attending the vigil, said though the details of Saunders' case are unlike others involving aboriginal women — which sometimes involve addiction or prostitution — her death is still part of a pattern.

"We need to look at what the systemic issues are here," Leslie said.

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2015 championships. Council approves money for figure skating bid

Halifax council has voted unanimously to contribute \$40,000 towards the bid to host the 2015 Canadian Figure Skating Championships.

The special events advisory committee recommended the contribution to cover the hosting fee, if HRM is selected as host city.

"Anybody that just watched the Olympics would have an idea of the popularity and demand for figure skating," said Coun. Barry Dalrymple. "Here in Canada we have amongst the world's best that hopefully ... will be here in Halifax, along with pretty significant crowds."

An economic assessment

What's in it for us?

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Estimated economic impact for the province if Halifax becomes host.

model provided by Events Nova Scotia suggests the six-day event would generate a bump in economic activity across the province of more than \$3.2 million.

The event also supports more than \$1.3 million in taxes, \$132,000 of which would be allocated to municipal governments in Nova Scotia. **RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO**

Fatality. Man who fell overboard from fishing boat dies in hospital

Police say a 42-year-old man who fell overboard from a fishing boat off southwestern Nova Scotia has died.

The RCMP say Stephen Darin Hanson of Queens County died Monday evening in hospital after falling into the water off the shores of Port Mouton earlier in the day around 8 a.m.

The Mounties say the boat's crew managed to get

him out and took him to a wharf in Central Port Mouton.

He was then airlifted by a military rescue helicopter to Canadian Forces Base Shearwater, where he was taken by paramedics to a hospital and later died.

The Department of Labour and Advanced Education says its occupational health and safety division is investigating. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

People's Gospel. Canada Post apologizes for mailing church's anti-gay flyers

Canada Post is apologizing for its delivery of anti-gay flyers in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, N.L.

Spokeswoman Anick Losier says Canada Post apologizes to anyone who was offended by the flyers from the Halifax-based church People's Gospel Hour that quoted Bible verses to condemn gay marriage and homosexuality.

Losier says the flyers should not have been accepted for

mailing.

She says Canada Post is now reviewing its processes to ensure similar material is not delivered in future.

The flyers, called Same-Sex Marriages and God's Word were delivered late last week.

A man who identified himself as a spokesman for the church says his group published the flyers but he declined comment. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

No major injuries

Man hit by own car after collision with cop

RCMP are investigating after a marked police vehicle col-

lided with another car Tuesday morning in Fall River, hitting a man on the road.

The driver of the car, which was parked, was on the road at the time, and was hit by his vehicle and knocked to the ground as a result of the collision. **METRO**



Who needs spring when we have parkas?

A warmly dressed couple makes their way down Spring Garden Road on Tuesday. The high in the city was only -8 C, with sub-zero temperatures expected until the weekend. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

City council nixes buy-local policy

Staff report. Councillors disappointed, but concerned about impact of reciprocal practices on local exporters

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Halifax regional councillors have reluctantly agreed with a staff recommendation to keep a "buy local" provision out of HRM's procurement policy.

"It's extremely disappointing, however after reading the report, I understand why we

can't move forward on this," said deputy mayor Darren Fisher.

A staff report on the pros and cons of scoring bid submissions for "local benefit" noted that doing so could violate trade agreements, but more worryingly, result in reciprocal practices that would hurt Nova Scotia-based businesses seeking contracts in other markets.

"Most of our most successful businesses in HRM ... are exporting," said Coun. Wayne Mason. "If every city had the same kind of setup, we would lose more than we would gain out of the local purchasing policy."

The report also noted 87 per cent of HRM's expenditures under the procurement policy

Avoiding a mistake



"We have always been a trading province, a trading nation that's traded around the world ... for us to do anything that would jeopardize our access to these markets would be a mistake." Coun. Wayne Mason

in 2012-13 contributed to the local economy.

Couns. David Hendsbee and Matt Whitman both voted against the motion. Whitman was especially animated after procurement manager Anne Feist told council HRM staff will work with certain sectors to help them be prepared to respond to opportunities.

"So we spend 87 per cent

of our dollars locally, we work with local suppliers to get them ready," he said. "It's sort of like wink, wink, we don't have a policy, but we do all that stuff locally. Everyone else is doing it another way, this is the chance for HRM to say this is the way that we do it."

Feist said "local preference" is not a "well-endorsed principle" in other jurisdictions.

Crosswalk safety plan approved by council

HRM's first crosswalk safety plan has been approved by regional council, though not without a few caveats about the possible outcomes.

"Will the passing of this plan immediately stop accidents between vehicles and pedestrians? Absolutely no," said Coun. Barry Dalrymple, who chairs the crosswalk safety advisory committee. "It will take some time to implement some of these

pieces ... I do have high hopes that this will begin an attitude change."

The plan will be referred to staff to review the budget implications of each recommendation and report back to council with implementation plans.

Coun. Bill Karsten said he was worried some of these measures would create a false sense of security.

"We're again saying, you

just grab the flag and you're going to be OK," he said. "There's no personal responsibility here, and I believe very firmly that's one of the messages we need to get out."

Dalrymple noted the committee will continue to meet and hear from interested groups about pedestrian safety, and will deliver another plan over the next year.

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Recommendations

The recommendations cover education and enforcement. They also include physical safety measures such as zebra stripes, flags and reflective tape to improve the visibility of pedestrians using crosswalks.

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Trinity Western

Anti-gay school argues its future lawyers should be able to work in Nova Scotia

Excluding law school graduates from working in Nova Scotia because they attended a university that prohibits same-sex intimacy would be discriminatory, the president of Trinity Western University told the province's bar society Tuesday.

Bob Kuhn told the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society in Halifax it would be unfair if it did not recognize degrees from his school, which requires students, faculty and staff to respect Christian values.

"That's an audacious example of prejudice," Kuhn told the panel in his two-hour submission.

The Langley, B.C.-based university wants to open a law school in 2016, and a society panel is holding hearings to determine whether it should allow its graduates to article and potentially practise in Nova Scotia.

The university, which bills itself as the largest independent Christian liberal-arts institution in Canada, asks its 3,600 students to sign a community covenant, which states that sexual intimacy be "reserved for marriage between one man and one woman."

Kuhn, a Trinity Western alumnus, encouraged the panel to proceed "as lawyers and not as personal representatives of any ideological viewpoints."

The school's policy prohibiting same-sex intimacy has sparked controversy, but Kuhn said he is offended by the suggestion that religious beliefs would prevent students from acting professionally and ethically in their duties.

He also said the matter raises the larger question of whether there is still meaningful freedom of religion in Canada.

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Bob Kuhn CONTRIBUTED



Artist Sara Hartland-Rowe poses for a photo in her studio on Tuesday. She is in the process of planning a large art installation for the Metro Transit Bridge Terminal. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Gigantic art piece to be easy, breezy, beautiful

Dartmouth Bridge Terminal. Weeklong installation of painted panels — inspired by a stray breeze — to be no disruption: Official

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Transit-goers passing through Dartmouth will soon have more than 75 metres of public art to enjoy.

Local artist and self-described public-transit booster Sara Hartland-Rowe is creating an enormous public art piece — commissioned by the municipality in 2013 — to be installed along the rear retaining wall of the Metro Transit Bridge Terminal come May.

"It's a very jazzy building," said Hartland-Rowe, a professor of painting at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design University since 2001.

"It's full of interesting angles and protrusions. And the wall itself is made of these very big concrete blocks, which have a very strong geometric pattern to them."

The art piece consists of eight to 10 large, geometric aluminum panels with enamel-painted images of people and recognizable scenes from the area.

Hartland-Rowe said she also intends to stencil lines on the wall between panels.

Canvas

"It's a beautiful wall to make a work on."

Sara Hartland-Rowe, artist and professor

"The piece is based on the idea of a breeze flowing through the terminus," she said.

"It sort of conjures up images of people sitting, people playing, people riding the bus, talking, kind of just hanging out."

Hartland-Rowe's work has been featured in galleries and museums across the world, including throughout Canada, the United States, Argentina and the Netherlands.

Her proposal for the bus terminal beat out more than a half dozen other applicants in a jury review process.

"There's all sorts of people from across the municipality passing through this terminal," said Jamie MacLellan, the municipality's public art facilitator.

"(This project) seemed like a very good opportunity to do something that would ani-



Sara Hartland-Rowe tacks up some of the planning sketches. JEFF HARPER/METRO

mate the space."

The municipality budgeted \$45,000 for the piece, and the project came in slightly under, added MacLellan.

He expects the installation process will be easy and have

little effect on transit users.

"Some people use that terminus every day for years ... other people are just passing through once," said Hartland-Rowe. "The terminus is for all of us."

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Province to harness power of sea in joint research project with U.K.

Tidal energy. Nova Scotia's marine energy strategy calls for production of 300 megawatts by 2020 — enough to power 100,000 homes

Nova Scotia does not have the infrastructure in the Bay of Fundy to accommodate its goal of generating 300 megawatts of tidal power by 2020, but it could handle about a fifth of that by that time, the province's energy minister says.

Andrew Younger said Tuesday the transmission infrastructure needed to handle up to 64 megawatts of energy could be in place within the next five years.

"You obviously have to have technology that's work-



Stephen Dempsey, left, executive director of the Offshore Energy Research Association of Nova Scotia, laughs with British Deputy High Commissioner to Canada Corin Robertson and Energy Minister Andrew Younger during a signing of a memorandum of understanding at Dalhousie on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

ing before you hit the 300 (megawatts)," Younger said after signing an agreement on a joint tidal power research

initiative with the United Kingdom.

He said the cost of developing tidal power tech-

nology is part of the reason behind the memorandum of understanding with the U.K., which already has its own test

turbines producing energy.

"By partnering with countries like the United Kingdom, we will get more done faster and we will be able to get to commercialization at an economically viable price a lot faster."

The province's 2012 marine energy strategy calls for the production of 300 megawatts of tidal energy by 2020, which the government says is enough to power 100,000 homes. Younger himself said that goal was ambitious while he was in opposition.

Corin Robertson, the acting British deputy high commissioner to Canada, said it can be difficult to harness tidal power.

"I think that's why this MOU and the research collaboration is so important, because the technological challenges are considerable," said Robertson, who was also on hand for the signing of

Other projects

Three smaller research projects spearheaded by Fundy Tidal Inc. are also moving ahead with site identification and environmental assessments.

the agreement. "But when we get them right and when we work together, it would unlock a huge amount of potential."

Under the agreement, the Offshore Energy Research Association of Nova Scotia and the United Kingdom's Technology and Strategy Board are each contributing \$250,000 toward research. The agreement will also result in joint proposals being issued for research projects in both Canada and the U.K.

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N.S. Gaelic College. Name a 'royal' slap in the face?

The CEO of the Royal Gaelic College in Cape Breton says the school's board of governors is carefully considering a proposal to drop the word "royal" from the institution's name.

Rodney MacDonald says he understands that people feel passionately about the issue.

The former premier of Nova Scotia was responding to reports that the foundation that operates the college voted Sunday to drop the recently acquired royal designation.

Controversy erupted in December when some in Cape Breton's Gaelic community

Know your history

Inverness MLA Allan MacDonald says the royal designation can be considered "a slap in the face" to those who know their Gaelic history.

complained the addition was offensive, saying the move ignores the fact that most Gaelic-speaking migrants who sailed to Nova Scotia in the 1700s were forced out of the Highlands following battles with the English. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Dartmouth

Artist weaves herself GG Award

Dartmouth artist Sandra Brownlee has woven her way into the ranks of the Governor General's Award winners in visual and media arts.

The awards were announced on Tuesday, and Brownlee also received

\$25,000 from the Saidye Bronfman Foundation.

The Bronfman Award is given to those who show excellence in the fine crafts.

Brownlee has been a weaver/notebook keeper for over 40 years, according to the Governor General's Award website, creating notebooks and textile projects using stitches and simple materials. **METRO**

Standing on her own 2 feet

Windsor. Nova Scotia woman left paralyzed from crash close to walking again

A Nova Scotia woman determined to reclaim her independence after a devastating car crash is counting on her hometown community to help her stand on her own two feet again.

Amy Paradis, a 20-year-old from Windsor, has come a long way since she was placed on life support following a car crash that occurred on Dec. 26, 2009.

The crash marked the beginning of Paradis' journey to recover from a severe spinal cord injury that left her paralyzed.

Doctors said she would never walk again after breaking her vertebrae at the C6/C7 level, but that only motivated Paradis to prove them wrong.

And it's possible she could do just that by as early as this spring.

Paradis and her mother, Marlene Belliveau, operate FootPrints SCI-Recovery, a non-profit spinal cord injury recovery



Amy Paradis, who was left paralyzed following a car crash in 2009. COURTESY OF HANTS JOURNAL

centre based in Windsor that has been fundraising to purchase anEkso Bionics Exoskeleton.

The exoskeleton is a robotic suit that allows people living with paralysis to stand upright, and walk.

After years of intense mental and physical rehabilitative therapy, Paradis has regained function in her arms, core, hip,

pelvic area and quadriceps. The added muscle strength in her core and upper body will prove to be key as she relearns how to walk using the exoskeleton.

"Amy is one of three quadriplegics worldwide that is able to walk in this. That's how strong she's got her body," says Belliveau.

The suit costs in excess of \$80,000. In the immediate fu-

Online donations

Donations can be placed online through youcaring.com/medical-fundraiser/let-s-get-amy-walking-138717 or <http://sci-recovery.ca/>. Cash donations can be deposited directly into an account set up for FootPrints SCI-Recovery at any CIBC bank.

ture, FootPrints must come up with \$5,000 US for a down payment by Thursday in order for the apparatus to be shipped from California the following day.

Belliveau says it is imperative the down payment is acquired by Thursday for the exoskeleton to arrive in time for March 24, the first day trainers from California will be visiting FootPrints' training facility on Gerrish Street to teach Paradis, Belliveau and the therapists at FootPrints how to use the exoskeleton.

"We are breaking ground with this in Canada," says Belliveau.

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So how do things go viral, anyway?



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On the surface, pictures of cats in hats, grown men pretending to be Star Wars characters and a link that unexpectedly opens a video by a one-hit wonder from the '80s all seem like just good ways to have a chuckle while frittering away time at work. But in reality, Internet memes have become a serious business.

Sites like cheezburger.com — credited with bringing into the mainstream the whole cute-cat-picture thing you'll know from your Facebook feed — are worth big money. But that wouldn't be possible if they were run by a couple of bored office workers looking at pictures of cats; a site can only be worth millions if its content is seen by millions. In other, more au courant words, it has to go viral.

But, we wondered, at what point can it be said that something has gone viral? And how exactly does that even happen?

Generating buzz

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Social-media expert Tim Hwang

on the subject, organized ROFLCon, the first Internet-culture convention, which debuted in 2008.

It's not an exact science, the 27-year-old self-described social-media expert told Metro, but there are a few things to keep in mind if you want your picture of little Fluffy to explode online.

"One of the funny things about it is if you're intentionally trying to start a meme you have to look like you're not intentionally trying to start it," he said.

Hwang believes the culture's most recognized

memes share two properties. The first is simplicity. "For Grumpy Cat, for example, there was one funny image that people could Photoshop.... They've been successful because it's really easy for people to contribute." The second is malleability, which allows audiences to customize and then reshare the images.

"Memes need to provide a way for you to participate online to be successful," Hwang said.

"The really interesting thing about memes is that, certainly in the last few years, the world for them has gotten a lot more commercialized. Which is both good and bad.... I think it's been a trade-off. It's really great that a lot more people are connected to the culture of the web, but in some ways the Internet has lost some of its original community feel."

Hwang said that to truly go viral most successful memes and image macros need time online to pick up a dedicated following, and then need the help of mainstream media to really explode. Metro, being part of the mainstream media, decided not to press our built-in advantage on Step 2, the better to understand Step 1 from the point of view of a normal Internet user.



Look out, Lil Bub — it's Stash!

Metro attempts to make this cat go viral



Internet cat-lebrities

Lil Bub

Known for her permanent kitten appearance, Lil Bub is a dwarf cat with a lolling tongue and a big heart. She's spawned a merchandise empire, and boasts an impressive array of social media followers. She even has her own talk show.

By the numbers:

Born: June 21, 2011
Facebook fans: 645,000
Twitter followers: 34,500
Instagram: 358,000
YouTube subscribers: 105,000



Nala Cat

Quite possibly the only cat with over one million Instagram followers, Nala is a Siamese-Tabby mix known for her blue eyes and love of bow ties.

By the numbers:

Estimated age: 3
Facebook fans: 110,627
Instagram: 1,100,000





Online

For a video and
photos of Stash
and more, go to
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Meet Stash the Moustache Cat ...

Cute, cuddly and the main character in our quest for worldwide fame, this cat possesses a unique look. Stash came to her owner, Metro Winnipeg managing editor Elisha Dacey, in a special way: Stash and his sister Mya were found abandoned in a box and taken to a local pet shelter, which already had an abundance of kittens and was hoping for some press coverage to spur adoptions.

Reporter Shane Gibson took a photo of Stash, and it was love at first black-hair-fluff-under-nose sight.

Dacey wasted no time in adopting Stash, along with his sister, Mya. We all know the Internet runs on cats. Stash, with his ridiculous moustache, proved the purr-fect protagonist in our quest to answer some culturally pertinent questions: How easy is it to make a cat popular online? How popular would this particular cat have to get before we could fairly call him a viral sensation, like Lil Bub? Check back tomorrow — our answer may surprise you. **Bernice Pontanilla/Metro in Winnipeg**

The virality checklist



Tim Hwang said that deciding whether something has gone viral is fundamentally subjective and that it's impossible to set purely numerical targets. But for the purposes of our experiment, he suggested some broad categories against which to evaluate our success.

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1 How many Instagram followers can we accumulate?



2 How many images can we collect from followers? (That is, how many times did someone use our 'template' to create a new meme?)



3 How much action on Reddit, the self-proclaimed front page of the Internet, can we generate?



4 How much traffic can we drive to Stash's website, stashthemoustachecat.com?



5 How many views of Stash's Imgur pictures can we achieve?



Maru

One of the first cats to garner online fame, Maru is a Scottish fold from Japan whose fascination with boxes has been delighting YouTube users for years.

By the numbers:

Born: May 24, 2007
YouTube subscribers:
428,000



From cats to coups in the 'Global Village'

Canadian prophet

"The new electronic interdependence recreates the world in the image of a global village."

Canadian communication theorist and intellectual Marshall McLuhan (1911-1980)

It was University of Manitoba graduate and University of Toronto professor Marshall McLuhan who coined the term the "Global Village" back in the early 1960s.

Though the Internet arrived years after McLuhan's death, he foresaw that technological advances would bring about a world that would once again be reduced to a village, albeit a very large one.

McLuhan's vision, one can easily argue, has come true: Trends and news now travel at the speed of a click.

And while it occurs for such silly things as music vid-

eos — think Psy's Gangnam Style, which has 1.9 billion views and counting — it has also proved useful for serious events such as the recent crisis in Ukraine.

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CRIMEA CRISIS



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Manpower

300

Col. Yuri Mamchur, pictured here, led around 300 unarmed Ukrainian officers to the base outside Sevastopol, Ukraine, in a peaceful attempt to retake their airfield. Russian soldiers drove the troops back by firing warning shots into the air.

Concern

"We are worried. But we will not give up our base."

Ukrainian Capt. Nikolai Syomko, an air force radio electrician patrolling the back of the compound. He said the soldiers felt they were being held hostage, caught between Russia and Ukraine.

Standoffs

Russia's seizure of Crimea has not gone as smoothly as Moscow may have expected. Ukrainian soldiers have refused to hand over weapons or switch allegiances, resulting in standoffs between men surprised to find themselves on opposing sides.

Fraying ties

PM: Joint military operations with Russia scrapped

Canada has suspended all joint military activities with Russia, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Tuesday as Vladimir Putin lashed out at threats of sanctions and accused the West of sowing divisions within Ukraine.

Canada will no longer take part in an anti-terrorism drill involving Canadian and Russian air forces and has pulled out of scheduled meetings, Harper said in a statement.

The prime minister also threatened to further sever the already frayed ties between the two countries.

"We continue to view the situation in Ukraine with the gravest concern and will continue to review our relations with President Putin's government accordingly," the statement said.

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird — who met Tuesday with Ukraine's ambassador to Canada — scoffed at Putin's justification for sending troops into Ukraine.

"These Soviet-style tactics are dangerous and tremendously destabilizing to the whole region," Baird said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Putin ratchets down tensions over Ukraine

Tough talk. Russian president takes jabs at the West, insists he has no intention of annexing Crimea or fighting 'the Ukrainian people'

Vladimir Putin talked tough but cooled tensions in the Ukraine crisis in his first comments since its president fled, saying Russia has no intention "to fight the Ukrainian people" but reserved the right to use force. As the Russian president held court Tuesday in his personal residence, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry met with Kyiv's fledgling government and Moscow agreed to sit down with NATO.

Although nerves remained on edge in Crimea, with Russian troops firing warning shots to ward off Ukrainian soldiers, global markets catapulted higher on tentative signals that the Kremlin was not seeking to escalate the conflict. Kerry brought a \$1-billion aid package to a Ukraine fighting to

Quoted

"We hope that Russia will understand its responsibility in destabilizing the security situation in Europe, that Russia will realize that Ukraine is an independent state and that Russian troops will leave the territory of Ukraine." Ukraine Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk

fend off bankruptcy.

Putin delivered a characteristic performance filled with earthy language, macho swagger and sarcastic jibes, accusing the West of promoting an "unconstitutional coup" in Ukraine. At one point he compared the U.S. role in Ukraine to an experiment with "lab rats."

But the overall message appeared to be one of de-escalation. "It seems to me (Ukraine) is gradually stabilizing," Putin said. "We have no enemies in Ukraine. Ukraine is a friendly state." He tempered those comments by warning that Russia was willing to use "all means at our disposal" to protect ethnic Russians in the country.

Significantly, Russia agreed to a NATO request to hold a special meeting to discuss Ukraine

on Wednesday in Brussels, opening up a possible diplomatic channel in a conflict that still holds monumental hazards and uncertainties.

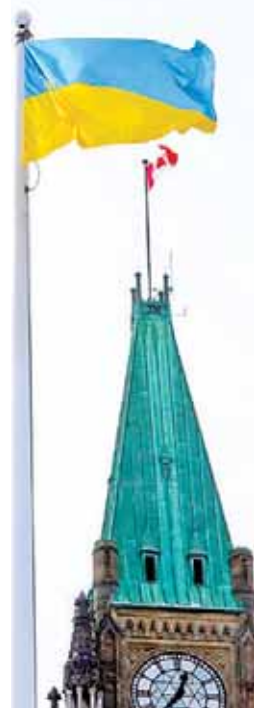
In his meeting with reporters on Tuesday, Putin said Russia had no intention of annexing Crimea, and hammered away at his message that the West was to blame for Ukraine's turmoil, saying its actions were driving Ukraine into anarchy.

Russia's Foreign Ministry derided U.S. threats of punitive measures as a "failure to enforce its will and its vision of the 'right' and 'wrong' side of history" — a swipe at President Barack Obama's statement Monday that Russia was "on the wrong side of history."

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Russian President Vladimir Putin listens to journalists' questions at the presidential residence outside Moscow on Tuesday. ALEXEI NIKOLSKY/RIA NOVOSTI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Ottawa shows solidarity

The Ukrainian flag flies on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Tuesday, the day after the House of Commons passed a motion condemning Russia's incursion into Ukraine.

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Witness breaks down at Oscar Pistorius trial in South Africa

Murder trial.

Neighbour testified she heard a man and woman shouting, then the sound of four gunshots

For two days, the witness in the murder trial of Oscar Pistorius kept her composure.

Then, just as her testimony was about to finish, she broke down in tears at what she said was the memory of the screams she heard on the night that the double-amputee athlete fatally shot his girlfriend in his South African home.

Michelle Burger, a neighbour of Pistorius who took the stand on the second day of a trial watched around the world, remained calm through intense questioning



Oscar Pistorius, centre, is escorted out of the high court on the second day of his trial in Pretoria, South Africa on Monday. THEMBA HADEBE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

by the chief defence lawyer. In a final exchange with the lead prosecutor on Tuesday, however, emotion washed

over her as she recalled what she described as the terrified screams of a woman early on Valentine's Day last year.

"When I'm in the shower, I relive her shouts," Burger said. Burger, a university lecturer, lives 177 metres from

Pistorius's house, where his girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp, died in what he calls an accident. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Court order

Media warned by the judge

Tuesday's proceedings were interrupted when Judge Thokozile Masipa ordered an investigation into allegations that a South African television channel was broadcasting a photograph of the witness during her testimony — against a court order guaranteeing privacy to witnesses who request it.

"I am warning the media," the judge said, "if you do not behave, you are not going to be treated with soft gloves by this court."

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Red wine may fight lung cancer: Study

A recent study by Niagara region scientists suggests moderate amounts of red wine might be useful in fighting lung cancer, but it's far too early for physicians to start prescribing Pinot Noir to patients.

The study was conducted

in cell cultures, and justifies the value of further study on lab mice, Evangelia Tsiani of Brock University in St. Catharines, Ont., said. "This is only a study in cells," said Tsiani, one of three Brock researchers involved. "We can't recommend

anything for humans at this point."

The study found that moderate amounts of red wine inhibit the spread of lung-cancer cells. "Wine may have considerable anti-tumour and chemoprevention properties

in lung cancer."

The report supports a 1999 study that found that a high consumption of beer and spirits can push up the risk of lung cancer, while wine can help a patient.

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Columbus, Ohio

Child tossed out of school over pretend gun play

A 10-year-old U.S. boy was suspended for three days from school for pretending his finger was a gun and pointing it at another stu-

dent's head, the principal said. The boy's father says it's the adults who are acting childish for suspending the boy from his school in Columbus, Ohio, last week.

A school spokesman said the principal has warned students about pretend gun play numerous times. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

One cent cheque sent to dead soldier's mom

Canada's defence minister has apologized to the family of a soldier whose mother received a government cheque for one penny following her son's death upon his return from Afghanistan.

A clearly incensed Rob Nicholson says an "insensitive bureaucratic screw-up" resulted in the one-cent cheque being sent to the mother of Cpl. Justin Stark.

The cheque, dated Feb. 28, was sent from the Public Works department, and was marked as "CF Release Pay."

It's not clear why it was sent, but Nicholson said that he would look into the

matter.

Stark was a 22-year-old reservist who died in 2011 in an incident at an armory in Hamilton, Ont.

New Democrat MP Wayne Marston said he appreciated Nicholson's pledge to look into the matter, but that he didn't want to assign blame.

Rather, he said, Nicholson should put measures in place to ensure that a similar incident doesn't happen in the future.

"Veterans' families... simply want to be treated with dignity," said NDP veterans affairs critic Peter Stoffer.

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Cpl. Justin Stark

Several tribunals were held to determine whether Stark's death was related to his tour of duty overseas, but it was unclear whether they ever reached a conclusion.

- New Democrat MP Wayne Marston says the cheque has made matters worse for Stark's mother, Denise, who he described as being in a "fragile state."
- Stark was an infantry soldier.

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Lac-Mégantic. Mayor to raise rail-safety issues with U.S. Congress

The mayor of a Quebec town devastated by a train disaster is scheduled to raise rail-safety concerns with senior U.S. transport officials and members of Congress next week in Washington, D.C.

Lac-Mégantic Mayor Colette Roy-Laroche will be part of a delegation of elected officials from Quebec, New Brunswick and the U.S. on a mission to press their concerns with decision makers working on new rail-security legislation.

Roy-Laroche's community

made global headlines last July when a tanker train loaded with volatile crude oil derailed and exploded in the middle of town, obliterating buildings and killing 47 people. The crash set off international discussions on rail safety in an era that has seen oil-by-rail shipments multiply in just a few years.

The delegation will be in Washington from March 9-12 and is part of an initiative by the Union of Quebec Municipalities. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Michigan

It's OK if you are annoying

It's soon expected to be OK to be wilfully annoying in Grand Rapids.

The Grand Rapids Press reports that the city commission is nixing a 38-year-old section of city code that states "no person shall wilfully an-

noy another person."

City attorney Catherine Mish recommended repealing the language, saying the wording is vague and unenforceable.

Last year, rules that got a look included one prohibiting people from riding horses on a sidewalk and another allowing jail time for failing to return a library book.

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Ford says his appearance on Kimmel show a success



Toronto Mayor Rob Ford has his forehead wiped by host Jimmy Kimmel on the late night talk show Jimmy Kimmel Live on Monday night in Los Angeles. **ANDY HOLMES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

'Bananas for Rob.'

Mayor said he received support after the show and denied that Kimmel had made a fool out of him

Mayor Rob Ford rejected suggestions on Tuesday that late-night TV comedian Jimmy Kimmel had humiliated him, and denied needing help for substance abuse.

Speaking at city hall after his trip to Los Angeles, an upbeat Ford sloughed off Kimmel's reruns of several embarrassing videos and his suggestion the mayor find someone to talk to about his addictions.

"I don't have any personal issues," Ford said.

"We've gone down that road a number of times."

For much of his 15-minute appearance on

Jimmy Kimmel Live late Monday, the mayor looked uncomfortable as the comedian razed him over a series of incidents that have garnered Ford worldwide attention.

"Our first guest tonight has tripped, bumped, danced, argued and smoked his way into our national consciousness," Kimmel said by way of introduction.

Ford said he had received a "lot of support" following his appearance and denied that Kimmel had made a fool out of him.

"I knew I was going into a lion's den but I held my own," the mayor said.

Kimmel drew laughs from the studio audience by playing several videos that have gone viral, including ones from a meeting in which Ford mimes a drunk driver, dances in council chambers and almost knocks down a fellow councillor.

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Mardi Gras celebrations in New Orleans

Members of the Krewe of Zulu hold painted coconuts to give to parade-goers as they march during Mardi Gras in New Orleans on Tuesday. The Zulu parade began on schedule, led by a New Orleans police vanguard on horseback that included Mayor Mitch Landrieu. **GERALD HERBERT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Kentucky. Governor says state will appeal gay-marriage case

The governor of Kentucky said Tuesday the state will hire outside attorneys to appeal a judge's decision granting legal recognition to same-sex couples married in other states and countries after the attorney general announced that he would not pursue the case further.

The split legal decisions from two Democrats come four days after a federal judge gave the socially conservative southern state 21 days to implement a ruling overturning a voter-imposed ban on recognizing same-sex unions.

The disagreement comes against the backdrop of similar rulings or actions in several other states where same-sex couples have long fought for the right to marry. Gay-marriage advocates have enjoyed a stunning series of legal victories as judges have overturned voter-approved bans in Texas, Oklahoma, Utah and Virginia.

At least 17 states, mostly in the Northeast and Washington, D.C., allow same-sex marriage. Others may soon follow depending on how federal appeals courts, and eventually the U.S. Supreme Court, rule on state bans that have been



Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear
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overturned.

Six federal judges have issued pro-gay-marriage rulings since the Supreme Court's decision last June that struck down part of the federal anti-gay-marriage law. The latest came last week in Texas.

On Tuesday, Kentucky Attorney General Jack Conway said at a news conference that he decided he would not appeal the case because "I would be defending discrimination. That I will not do."

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Berlin police

Breast implants no reason to keep woman off the force: Court

A German court has ruled that a prospective Berlin police recruit's breast implants cannot legally be used as grounds to keep her off the force.

The woman applied in 2012 to join the Berlin police force, but was rejected after authorities said her breast implants would prevent her from wearing a protective vest or riot gear. They argued the implants would mean the protective gear put so much pressure on her chest that there was a risk of fibrosis or other health problems.

But a Berlin administrative court on Tuesday upheld her challenge of the decision, saying a doctor testified that protective gear should cause no greater health problems for a woman with implants than without.

The woman's name was not released due to German privacy rules.

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Market Minute



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Alberta to Wisconsin

Enbridge shelling out \$7B to replace oil pipeline

Energy shipper Enbridge is spending \$7 billion US to overhaul a 46-year-old oil pipeline between Alberta and Wisconsin — a project it says won't have to go through the

same U.S. federal process that has bogged down a rival's Keystone XL proposal.

In the largest project in its history, Calgary-based Enbridge Inc. and its U.S. affiliate will be replacing Line 3 using improved steel and coating.

Enbridge and its customers concluded that replacing the line entirely was a more cost-effective option in the long term. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Another big purchase?

Facebook may buy solar drone company for \$60M

Facebook was in talks to buy Titan Aerospace to step up its efforts to provide Internet access to remote parts of the world, according to reports in the technology blog Tech-

crunch and financial news outlet CNBC Tuesday.

Both websites cited anonymous sources who were familiar with the deal and put a purchase price at \$60 million US.

Facebook spokesman Tucker Bounds said Tuesday that the company does not comment on rumours and speculation.

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Dear America, please approve Keystone XL

Sincerely, Canada.

Our government has sent the U.S. a letter asking that the pipeline gets the OK from Obama

The Canadian government is expressing a desire to work with the United States on reducing oil and gas pollution in a letter to the Obama administration that calls for approval of the Keystone XL pipeline.

The letter argues the merits of the pipeline on environmental, economic and energy-security grounds — and it suggests a willingness, without offering specifics, to take additional steps to curb greenhouse-gas emissions.

From, Canada's ambassador

"Our energy and environment officials are currently assessing common energy issues, including potential oil and gas issues, which we could usefully address together."

Said the note to U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, dated Feb. 28 and released Tuesday.

The three-page note from Canada's ambassador to Washington, Gary Doer, says the two countries have already worked together on different climate initiatives, including vehicle-emissions standards, and they can do more. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Getting feedback

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry is leading a regulatory review of TransCanada Corp.'s pipeline proposal and is accepting public

comments during a 90-day national-interest determination phase, including the letter from the Canadian government.



Fiscal plan? Pssh! Have you heard about my recess plans?

U.S. President Barack Obama sits with Marcus Wesby and other preschool students during his visit to Powell Elementary School in the Petworth neighbourhood of Washington on Tuesday. Obama visited the school to talk about his fiscal 2015 federal budget proposal, which was released Tuesday. The blueprint for fiscal 2015, which begins Oct. 1, includes new spending for preschool education and job training, expanded tax credits for 13.5 million low-income workers without children and more than \$1 trillion US in higher taxes over the next decade, mostly for the wealthiest Americans and corporations. **PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Poll says. Average RRSP contribution dips to \$3,518

Two-thirds of Canadians polled would like to have put more money into their RRSPs for the 2013 tax year, according to a new survey that found average contributions were down slightly this time around.

The Bank of Montreal survey, conducted last week, said that Canadians were contributing an average of \$3,518 to their RRSPs, down \$26 from an average of \$3,544 for the 2012 tax year. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Money. Ukraine also battles for its economic life

The battle over Ukraine's future is also economic: On Tuesday, Russia cranked up the pressure by ending discounts on its natural gas supplies, while the U.S. and European Union offered quick-fix aid to

the beleaguered government.

To help Ukraine in the longer term, International Monetary Fund experts began work on a plan to stabilize the near-bankrupt country's finances.

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Chrysler punts government funds for Ontario plants



Sergio Marchionne, Chrysler's CEO, speaks at the Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto on Feb. 13. **CHRIS YOUNG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Chrysler Group LLC says it will continue with plans to start a new minivan assembly line in Windsor, Ont., even though it is no longer seeking funding from the federal and Ontario governments.

The auto giant said Tuesday it will also invest in its Brampton, Ont., assembly plant, which builds the Dodge Charger, Challenger and Chrysler 300.

Chrysler said government officials were notified earlier this week that it was withdrawing its request for \$700

million in subsidies because the projects were being used as a "political football."

"It is clear to us that our projects are now being used as a political football, a process that, in our view, apart from being unnecessary and ill-advised, will ultimately not be to the benefit of Chrysler," the company said in a statement.

"As a result, Chrysler will deal in an unfettered fashion with its strategic alternatives regarding product development and allocation, and will fund out of its own resources

whatever capital requirements the Canadian operations require."

Meanwhile, the Ontario government called the decision by Chrysler evidence that negotiations had been successful between officials and the car maker.

"Our negotiations with Chrysler were consistent with our past level of support for major auto investments," said Eric Hoskins, Ontario minister of economic development, in a statement.

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Future here uncertain

Chrysler Group LLC said it will start upgrading its Canadian factories with its own capital but its investment will depend on Canada's competitiveness with other global factories and cooperation with the union. Of particular importance will be the outcome of collective bargaining negotiations in 2016 with UNIFOR (the merged entity of the CAW and CEP).

THERE'S A DIRE NEED FOR ... CLOWNS?

There's a worldwide shortage of clowns.

I'm not clowning around. I'm serious. According to an "exclusive" story in the New York Daily News, the membership of the World Clown Association has declined by 1,000 in the past decade, from 3,500 to 2,500.

This has implications for the future of clowning:

Instead of "Send in the clowns," we'll have to change the lyrics to "Send in a clown" or "Is there a clown around?"

At the point in the circus where all the clowns pile out of the VW Beetle, we'll have to add a few acrobats and lion tamers to beef up the numbers. Maybe the plate spinner and the knife thrower.

Desperate times. It's enough to wipe the smile off any clown's face, but of course you can't do that because it's painted on.



JUST SAYIN'

Paul Sullivan

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Various reasons are offered for the decline but the main one is attrition. The old clowns are dying off, and there aren't enough young ones ready to take over. Young people who think they're funny go into stand-up comedy, where you don't need a red nose, just a potty mouth.

But I think the real culprit is Stephen King, who wrote about a creepy clown called Pennywise in *It*, the scariest novel ever written, back in 1986. Pennywise offered kids balloons and then ate them (the kids, not the balloons).

Clowns have never been the same since. Instead of lovable old Bozo, we have Krusty of the Simpsons, the disreputable echo of

Pennywise.

Of course, there was the notorious real-life creepy clown John Wayne Gacy — the Chicago serial killer who was re-

sponsible for at least 33 deaths throughout the '70s of young men and boys. When he wasn't murdering people and burying them under his porch, he entertained children as Pogo the Clown.

After Pogo, Pennywise and Krusty, no one in their right mind would want to be a clown.

It's too bad, really. A clown can happy up a birthday party, but these days Princess doesn't want some dumb old clown; she wants Justin Bieber — and the way he's going, he'll be doing birthday parties by July.

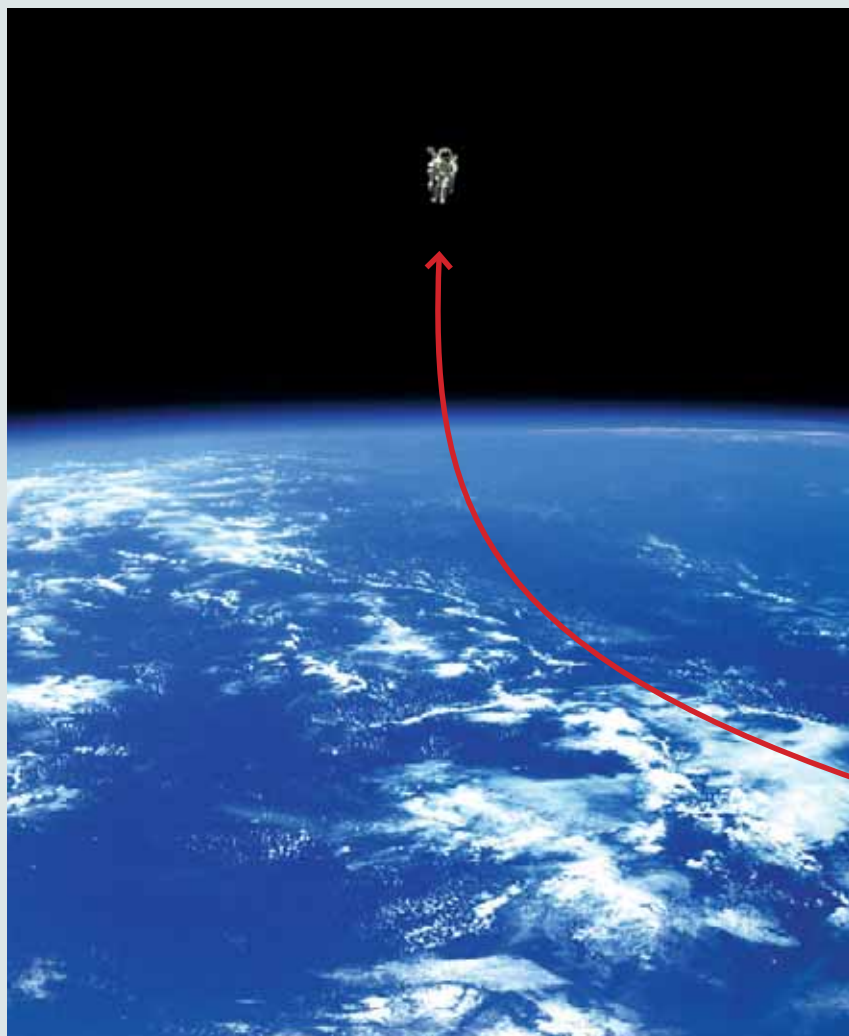
Talk about creepy clowns.

If this keeps up they may have to lower the standards at clown boot camp. Yep, at last year's Ringling Bros. Clown College (it's hard to resist the urge to spell everything with a "K," as in Klown Kollege) only 14 out of 531 applicants were selected to attend boot camp (Clown Feet 101? Introductory Prats-falls?) and only 11 of those were hired on to the circus.

At that rate they'll have to retire the VW Beetle. Smart car, maybe?

ZOOM

Oscar-worthy picture by NASA



COURTESY NASA

Gravity images outshine movie

Space drama *Gravity* was the big winner on Oscar night — now savour the movie's inspiration. NASA has released spectacular real-life space photos that are strikingly reminiscent of the jaw-dropping scenes and panoramas from the movie. The space agency tweeted the set of archive images under #RealGravity. **METRO**

Astronaut says

"I told (Sandra Bullock) that I had long hair, and if you pulled a hair out and pushed it against something, you could move yourself across the space station. That's how little force it takes."

NASA Expedition 26 astronaut Cady Coleman, explaining to *Gravity* star Sandra Bullock what life is like in micro gravity.

Art imitates life

In this 1984 image that showcases the chilling yet beautiful isolation of space, NASA astronaut Bruce McCandless II was photographed further away from his spaceship than any other astronaut in history. He was able to do so thanks to a nitrogen jet-propelled backpack. He was 98 metres from the Challenger orbiter. **METRO**

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Despite the best efforts of a certain lamentable patent troll, podcasting is still going strong and the diversity of presentations, subjects and gimmicks becomes more diverse by the day. Here are three can't-miss subscriptions on iTunes.



Ron Sexsmith GETTY IMAGES

Sodajerker:

A British songwriting team turns their love of music into an excuse to talk songwriting with some of their heroes. Nick Lowe, Johnny Marr, Rufus Wainwright and Ron Sexsmith are just a few of the many to sit down to talk about their lives, their feuds and, of course, their songs.

Welcome To Night Vale:

We've already mentioned the wonderfully weird premise of a community radio station broadcasting from a small town besieged by supernatural events and the machinations of mysterious, all-powerful figures. However, I still meet people who have never heard of it — even though they have a perfectly good Internet connection. Absurd.

IRL Talk:

Formerly known as Geek Friday, the new name manages to hang onto the Internet jargon while not scaring away those too delicate to handle being called a *spit* geek. But the material remains the same — witty talk about whatever foolishness or tech is hot this week, alongside evergreen topics like the loathsomeness of trolls or the great butlers of pop culture history.

Comments

RE: Proper Spelling Is Sexy, says Metro's Jessica Napier, published March 4

there is nothing wrong with "donut". there's nothing wrong with "text-speak", you write as if something vaguely horrible will happen if we

don't quickly fix all these terrible things that are destroying language. there is no evidence anywhere that we're all being hopelessly confused by the lack of a comma. linguists know this perfectly well, but authors like Lynne Truss only fan the flames of this manufactured "grammar police state". ugh.

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Creator goes WABAC to Rocky & Bullwinkle well

Improbable history.
Time-travelling cult TV cartoon characters get big-screen treatment



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Jay Ward may not be a household name, but many of the characters he created are.

As the grand poobah at Jay Ward Productions he produced the animated television shows that gave us Rocky & Bullwinkle, Dudley Do-Right, Peabody and Sherman and George of the Jungle among others.

His cartoons weren't just for kids. The Los Angeles Times wrote, "The good ones, which Ward was a master at creating, worked at two levels: One direct and another wonderfully satiric."

This weekend his characters take over the big screen in Mr. Peabody & Sherman, an animated film starring the voices of Modern Family's Ty Burrell, Stephen Colbert and Leslie Mann.

Mr. Peabody & Sherman isn't the first film based on Ward's characters.

In a 1992 television movie (originally shot in 1988 for theatrical release) SCTV alum Dave Thomas played Boris Badenov, "world's greatest no-goodnik." With his partner-in-crime Natasha Fatale (Sally Kellerman) he leaves



Rocky & Bullwinkle spinoff Mr. Peabody & Sherman stars the voices of Modern Family's Ty Burrell, Stephen Colbert and Leslie Mann. CONTRIBUTED

Finding their 'wayback'

Based on Peabody's Improbable History segment from the Rocky and Bullwinkle Show, the movie sees the duo use the WABAC machine to ping pong through time, interacting with everyone from Marie Antoinette to King Tut to Leonardo da Vinci and Albert Einstein.

Pottsylvania for the United States to retrieve a microchip. TV Guide said, "as a

90-minute feature film, it's at least 80 minutes too long," but it's worth a gander to see one of the rare live action performances of June Foray, the original voice of Rocky.

Brendan Fraser brought two of Ward's characters to life, George of the Jungle and Dudley Do-Right.

George of the Jungle is a riff on Tarzan. He's a boy raised in the jungle by an ape (John Cleese) but who never mastered the art of swinging from tree to tree. Rotten Tomatoes gives it a 56% Fresh Rating, but the film

remains most memorable for the catchy "George, George/ George of the Jungle/ Strong as he can be/ Watch out for that tree," theme song by the Presidents of the United States of America.

Two years later Fraser was back in another Ward inspired movie about a bumbling Canadian Mountie called Dudley Do-Right who "always gets his man."

Co-starring with Sarah Jessica Parker and Alfred Molina, the story saw Dudley track his nemesis, the depraved Snidely Whiplash. Bad

reviews — USA Today called it a "Dead-carcass spinoff of Jay Ward's animated TV favorite" — doomed the movie, but the character lives on as part of an amusement park ride called Dudley Do-Right's Ripsaw Falls at the Islands of Adventure theme park.

Finally, despite a big name cast — Jason Alexander, Rene Russo and John Goodman — The Adventures of Rocky & Bullwinkle bombed at the box office despite Robert De Niro doing a take on his famous "You talkin' to me?" speech from Taxi Driver.

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Broken Bells: Holding on For Life?

No expiry date.

Superduo pledge to continue making music together indefinitely

As The Shins' James Mercer and highly sought-after producer Danger Mouse, whose real name is Brian Burton, were preparing their second album as Broken Bells, they noticed some new benefits to their increasingly worked-in collaboration.

"It's easier to be blunt," said Mercer with a laugh in Toronto, seated in a hotel conference room next to his bandmate. "(Brian can say): 'I don't like that.' And I'm just like, 'OK. On we go.'"

The duo had travelled north for a pair of shows — Monday in Toronto and Tuesday in Montreal — a little over a month following the release of *After the Disco*.

The band's sophomore effort opened at No. 3 on the Canadian Billboard chart, its highest placement worldwide ("Better taste up here," murmured Mercer when asked to muse on their north-of-the-border success).

True to its title — referencing the post-party comedown — *After the Disco* is a rather down affair.

Where the first record mixed Mercer's winsome whine with eclectic ear-candy arrangements polished to a lavish sheen by Burton, its follow-up varies its mood more judiciously, even as certain tunes (especially the title track) dial the tempo upward. "We both have that affinity for melancholic music," explained Mercer.

If the sound of the record is slightly different, the pro-



James Mercer, left, and Danger Mouse (a.k.a. Brian Burton) of Broken Bells. SONY MUSIC CANADA

Quoted

"We both have that affinity for melancholic music."

James Mercer, on the mood of *After the Disco*

cess behind it really wasn't.

Again, Mercer went down to L.A. and stayed in Burton's guest room. Together they worked every day at Burton's studio, staying up late into the night penning lyrics together.

Largely, it seems as though the collaboration is fuelled by their friendship, which has

only grown closer since they linked up to work on the first album.

And Burton — who has produced albums for a range of high-profile artists including Norah Jones, Beck, The Black Keys and Cee Lo Green (as the duo Gnarls Barkley) — says Mercer is indeed easier to work with than most.

"This one, there's no politics involved," said Burton, who first gained wide notice for the Beatles/Jay-Z mashup *The Grey Album*.

"There's no watching what you say or what you do so much. It's just me and James."

Discussions of Burton's personal studio might conjure images of a plush musical retreat — but it was actually much more modest.

"It was like a crappy lawyer's office," said a laughing Mercer. "Small and dingy. ... It was really that sort of innocuous suburban strip mall office

type of thing.

"The vocal booth is pretty hilarious," he added. "There's an auto body shop right behind where the vocal booth sits ... (so) you can hear someone grinding the bondo off (a car)."

Mercer, who has worked in isolation through much of his run creating witty, affecting music with The Shins, seems to relish having a partner in Burton.

For his part, Burton also prizes *Broken Bells* as a creative outlet over which he has uncommon control.

Range life

Mercer's high-pitched vocals have become more and more pliant — check the Bee Gees-indebted *Holding on For Life*, for instance — and he credits the change to working with Burton.

- "I've gotten better, I think, at singing," he said.
- Burton likewise admitted he was sometimes caught off guard by Mercer's range: "I do get surprised every once in a while — 'Where did that come from?' But then after you do that so many times, you're almost not surprised (anymore)."

Although both artists are extremely busy — Burton is currently helming the upcoming U2 record, but declines to offer any details on the long-awaited album — they're insistent that *Broken Bells* is a going concern.

Burton, especially, has tired of the widely held presumption that this was a collaboration with an expiration date.

"It seems like we could keep doing this forever, really," Mercer said.

"It's a band," added Burton. "It would be no different than some band coming in on their second album and asking if they're planning on doing it forever — they'd probably look at you like you're kind of nuts."

"We're a band, why wouldn't we?"

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Raising the goof in the Big Brother house



The new crew of Big Brother Canada season two. CONTRIBUTED

The global Big Brother franchise is known for encouraging its outlandish participants to lie, manipulate and scheme their way through the game.

In the Canadian spinoff, the reality show also wants the backstabbing cast to provide plenty of laughs, and producer John Brunton says that meant seeking out some seriously funny house guests.

"Comedy combined with all of the drama and the tears and the heart-and-soul and

In the scheme of things

Big Brother Canada returns Wednesday on Slice and Global, airing three nights a week, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays on Slice.

the absolute insanity of it all, I think it's an important part of the mix," says Brunton, going on to compare the Canadian version to incarnations

around the world.

"Perhaps we view that as an important part of the mix more than people do in some other places." The Slice series returns Wednesday with a whole new crew of attention-seekers ranging in age from a 20-year-old student to a 43-year-old Cape Town refugee.

Most of the 14 houseguests are in their 20s, with a 15th contender set to be revealed during the premiere.

Brunton says one of the

surprises of last year's debut was how goofy things got — when people weren't having tantrums or tear-filled breakdowns, that is.

He's hoping for more of the same this year.

The antics will unfold in a brand new Big Brother Canada house — an unexpected changeup that only came about because the studio used for the inaugural Big Brother Canada season was sold, says Brunton.

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ScarJo will be rocking the cradle with French fiancé



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Scarlett Johansson, 29, is expecting a baby with her French fiancé, Romain Dauriac, E! News confirmed.

Not much is known about Johansson's baby daddy. Alternate reports have him as a journalist, the head of a creative agency and an advertising director. Whoever he is, he has excellent taste: Johansson showed off her ginormous vintage art

deco engagement ring at the Venice Film Festival in September.

Did ScarJo know she was pregnant when she talked with the Daily Mail in December? "I would like to have my own family, that would be nice," she said. "They say it's never the right time and I am sure that's true, but I think you have to plan it like anything else." Looks like that time is now.

But what does the happy news mean for Johansson's next turn as Black Widow in Avengers: Age of Ultron? The actress is set to begin work on the sequel to the 2012 hit on April 5 following her promotional tour for Captain America: the Winter Soldier, and while Marvel Studios has no comment about adjusting her schedule, an insider says, "They're going to fast-track her scenes."

Cameron and Sofia finally Spike Jonze of contention

It took more than a decade, but Cameron Diaz has reportedly forgiven director Sofia Coppola for the perceived slight of Anna Faris' ditzy actress character in Lost in Translation, suspected by many to be based on Diaz as retaliation for her flirtation with Coppola's then-husband, Spike Jonze. "Sofia and Cameron have had an incredibly difficult relationship since 1999, the year Sofia married Spike.

It only got worse when the film came out and it became pretty well-known that part of the movie was based on their real-life feud," a source tells Radar Online — though Coppola has downplayed the comparison. "There has been a thaw in the relationship between Sofia and Cameron in recent months. They had drinks this summer and cleared the air, possibly even paving the way for a future collaboration."



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Finding the magic in Mexico

Loreto. This sleepy seaside village is the destination developers forgot — so get there before the hordes do

Efforts to turn the Mexican seaside village of Loreto into a major destination have been going on for years. So far, though, the results have been limited, and that in itself makes it worth visiting.

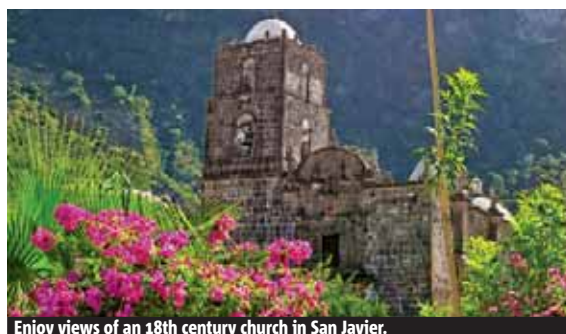
Loreto is already a gem — a historic town nestled between gold-hued mountains and the blue Sea of Cortez. It's known mainly to whale watchers (late winter), sport fishermen (year-round) and snowbirds who drive down from British Columbia.

Loreto was earmarked for tourism development 30 years ago, part of an initiative that also included Cancun, Ixtapa, parts of Oaxaca and Los Cabos. While the others flourished, the development of Loreto faltered. In a renewed effort two years ago, Mexico's tourism agency gave Loreto its "Magic Town" moniker, a label to promote places notable for natural beauty, cultural riches or historical relevance. Still, the international airport here welcomed only about 40,000 tourists last year, compared to the million or so who flew to Los Cabos, 480 kilometres to the south.

And there are no cruise ships. Instead, there is the Loreto Bay National Marine Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site made up of five islands access-



Loreto's new promenade makes for a pleasurable waterfront stroll. PHOTOS: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Enjoy views of an 18th century church in San Javier.

ible only by boat.

After a 90-minute flight from Los Angeles — the only U.S. gateway at present — you will find a town seemingly frozen by the economic downturn, with half-built hotels and empty storefronts.

You'll also find a bit of "old"

Mexico. There are a fair number of people who speak no English, friendly ex-pats happy to offer suggestions, a scattering of small festivals, a soccer stadium with spirited games, and a local mariachi band that plays in khakis, not costumes. Following are some highlights.

History

Loreto became the first Spanish settlement on the Baja California peninsula when Jesuit missionaries established the Mission of Our Lady of Loreto in 1697. The baroque-style church still functions, and is used for weddings. An adjacent Mission Museum highlights not only the religious past, but also the political history, as Loreto served as the regional capital from 1697 to 1777. An 18th-century church popular with pilgrims is located an hour away, high in the Sierra de la Giganta mountains in the hamlet of San Javier. Lunch is available at a restaurant in the village, which only got full-time electricity in 2012.

Waterfront

A new, multimillion-dollar

Dining

- **Canipole.** A spot that has no menu, no roof and an open kitchen, and provides traditional blankets for diners to wear when temperatures fall. The guacamole is made tableside, followed by the daily special, which usually contains divine mole.

promenade makes for a pleasant waterfront stroll and provides for spectacular views east towards the islands. It passes a lighthouse and a small marina, where skippered pangas (small open boats with outboard motors) can be rented for about \$100 for fishing, bird-watching, wildlife-viewing or a lift to the white-sand beach on Coronado Island. Farther down, the sidewalk runs past a city beach, empty during the January chill but for the permanent thatched-roof palapas that provide relief from the sun.

Beaches

The best beaches are a short drive from Loreto, but the roads are good and the travel easy. Thirty kilometres south is the community of Ensenada Blanca, which undoubtedly has the most spectacular views of the marine park. You can access the beach through a time-share property, the Villa Del Palmar. It sells a visitor pass for \$65 US per person, which includes unlimited food and drinks, and use of the pools and beach from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Metro's globe-trotting columnist offers advice on common quandaries



ON THE MOVE
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This week I'm answering some reader questions about travel.

Heading to Europe this summer. Where can I get the best bang for my buck?

According to Hotels.com's Hotel Price Index, which pinpoints cities where you can find affordable hotel rooms, you should be looking at capitals that all start with the letter B for the best value: think Brussels, Berlin and Budapest. Lisbon also makes the under \$200-per-night cut. Additionally, the Portuguese capital offers great restaurant food at reasonable prices.

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Want to do Europe on the cheap? The cities that start with B — like Budapest — have the best hotel deals. **ISTOCK**

Pharmaceutical regulations are different in each country, so getting a supply of medicine on foreign soil isn't simple. Ensure the pills you are looking for are legal in your host country and know the generic name and dosage for the medication. Find an accredited,

English-speaking physician through the local Canadian consulate or the International Association for Medical Assistance to Travellers (iamat.org).

Doctors, who are members, will often make house calls to hotels. Be sure to fill the prescription at a phar-

macy recommended by that doctor or attached to a clinic or hospital, as counterfeit drugs have become increasingly common abroad.

Should you tip hotel room attendants?

Absolutely, they're often

forgotten. I like to leave \$2 to \$5 per day, depending on extra touches provided, on the bed with a note of thanks. If you prefer to leave one tip at the end of a longer stay, leave an envelope at the front desk. Note your name and room number and dates of stay and ask to have it divided among all the staff who serviced your room.

Any tips on avoiding lost luggage?

When booking your trip, try a direct flight. If it's not possible, ensure you have ample time between flights for your bags to be transferred.

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It can take a bit of digging to find scholarships or grants you're eligible for, but it's a small price to pay for the chance to score some free cash.

Scholarships, bursaries and grants

Scholarships, bursaries and grants are three of the most common application-based sources of funding available to students.

Although all three are monetary awards given to students to help cover education-related expenses, they are usually disbursed according to different criteria.

Scholarships are generally based on merit, bursaries are typically based on fi-



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nancial need and grants are most often awarded for a specific project or program.

How to apply

To find out which awards are available to you, talk to your school's registrar or main administrative office. They should either have information about student awards or be able to direct you to the department that does.

Many schools also host a student award information session at the beginning of the school year to tell students about financial aid

offered by the university or college — equip yourself with a pen and notepad and get there early, as seats tend to fill up fast.

After you've checked with your school, do some research online to find out about awards offered by the government, foundations and corporations.

Work-study programs

Many schools offer co-op or work-study programs to give students a chance to gain hands-on experience

in their chosen field before they graduate.

How to apply

Check with your department to make sure you're eligible for the program, then ask if it's OK for you to take a paid position and still get course credit.

Once you've got the go-ahead, start contacting potential employers to find out about current opportunities or try talking to students who've already done a placement to see if they know of any paid positions you can apply for.

Be proactive

Once you know what scholarship, bursary and grant opportunities exist, make a list of which ones you plan to apply for and what each application requires. You'll usually need to fill out some kind of form and provide transcripts, letters of reference and possibly an application letter or essay.

- Jot down the deadlines for each application in a calendar or planner and plan ahead to make sure you submit your applications on time — the competition can be pretty fierce and a late application will most likely mean you won't be considered.

This work experience is a great opportunity to position yourself for future employment with a given office or department — it's a great opportunity to show off your skills and build a professional network on campus. Future positions may also have a higher compensation rate than your work-study program. Be sure to work hard and make your interest known.

Internships/apprenticeships

If your school does not offer a work-study or co-op program, consider applying for an internship or ap-

prenticeship on your own. This is a great way to get relevant work experience in your field and it can provide a (modest) income to help you pay for school.

How to apply

Look for companies or organizations in your area that are connected to your program of study.

Contact the manager or human resources department to express your interest in the work they do and ask if they have any need for an extra set of hands in the coming months.

Be sure to emphasize that you're passionate about what you're studying and you're hoping to learn more about the career you're pursuing by working "in the field."

If you're still struggling to pay for school, consider taking on a part-time job to help you cover your costs. It can feel overwhelming to see your tuition, textbook and living costs add up as you work towards completing a post-secondary program, but there is help out there.

Spend some time doing your research to learn about the funding that's available — you'll have to invest at least a few hours in each award or position you apply for, but it could be well worth your effort in the end.

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In this soup, the combination with the beef is perfect and subtle. It makes

Ingredients

- 1 tsp (5 ml) canola oil
- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) each ground cumin and coriander
- 4 cups (1 l) beef broth
- 2 cups (500 ml) lightly packed finely shredded kale
- 1 striploin grilling steak (about 8 oz/250 g)
- 1 can (19 oz/540 ml) red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- Pinch freshly ground black pepper



This recipe makes three to four servings. EMILY RICHARDS

a hearty soup perfect for a cold winter's night.

If you let the soup cook longer, the kale continues to soften and cook flavour right into the soup. Add a dash of hot pepper sauce at the table for those who may want to add some extra heat to the soup.

1. Heat the canola oil in a pot over medium heat and cook onion, garlic, cumin and coriander for about 8 minutes or until softened and beginning to turn golden. Add stock and bring to boil. Add kale and cook, stirring occasionally for 5 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, trim any fat from steak and discard. Slice steak into thin strips and cut strips in half crosswise. Add to soup along with beans and pepper and cook, stirring occasionally for about 10 minutes or until kale is tender and steak is slightly pink inside.

Cooking tips

- You can use two boneless, skinless chicken breasts for the beef (sliced and cooked until no longer pink inside). You can also use spinach or Swiss chard for the kale.
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March marks National Engineering Month, a time to draw attention to the important work engineers do. More than 500

events are scheduled across the country to celebrate the profession and help people better understand what it is about.

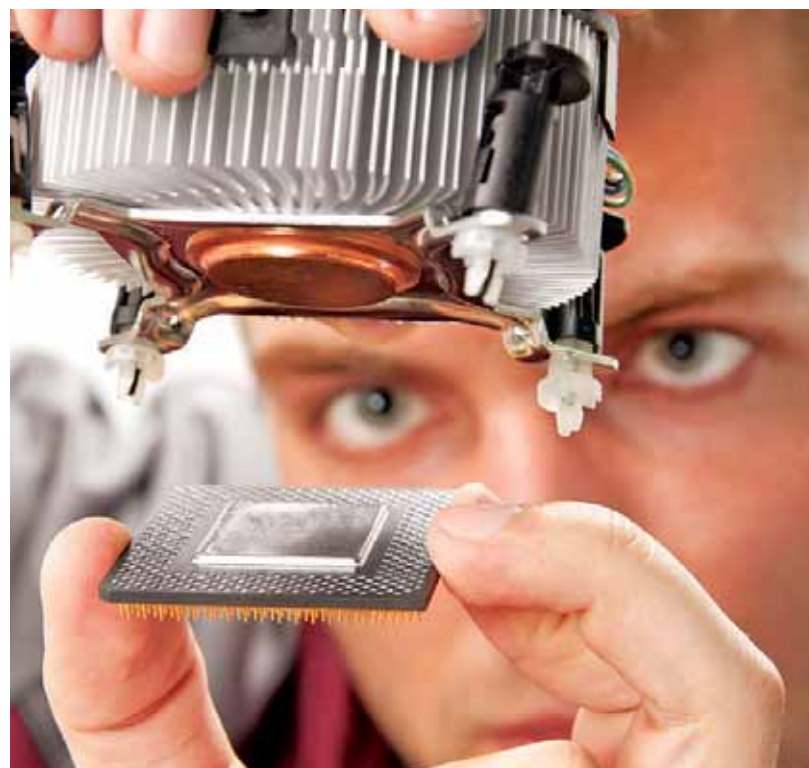
Engineers Nova Scotia's website, engineersnovascotia.ca, has a listing of the events taking place in Nova Scotia this month.

By its nature, engineering is a challenging, but fun career.

"Engineering is about more than possessing math, science and technical skills," Bourgeois says. "You need to be creative, be interested in finding solutions to common and no-so-common challenges, and think outside the box."

The job of an engineer is quite varied.

"An engineer might need to draw plans or diagrams for new products or inventions using computers, figure out how much it would cost to build and develop a new system or product, do a construc-



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tion site visit, work in a lab, gather soil samples or test a new machine," Bourgeois says.

For children thinking about a career in engineering, while it is important to

take math and science courses (including physics), it's also important to take arts courses, such as English, psychology, drawing and humanities. A well-rounded education will make for a better engineer.



Xiaoyan Zeng, right, participated in ISIS' four-month work site-based competency assessment project.

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BRIDGING THE GAP FOR NEWCOMERS

Engineers who are new to both Nova Scotia and Canada face many challenges in trying to resume their careers, such as not having a professional network in Nova Scotia or not knowing which companies could most benefit from their skills.

Thankfully, Immigrant Settlement & Integration Services (ISIS) offers a formal program to help internationally educated engineers understand the Canadian work environment and the path for them to get licensed, as well as offering courses

and support groups to help support the individual.

"Many clients who have participated in our programs cite them as the reason for their successful integration into their fields," says Rosalie Hanlon, the co-ordinator of ISIS' internationally educated engineers bridging program.

Part of this program involves working full time for four months with a local engineering company. During this time, the employer will assess the individual on their

grasp of different core competencies and explain how they can get better at them.

Hanlon says the majority of engineers in the internationally educated engineers bridging program are senior engineers who have a decade or more of experience when they arrive here.

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tions to leverage the expertise of its staff. With its 330 employees, the Dartmouth office is the sixth largest in the company.

"The strength of being a local business is that we develop long-term local relationships and develop insights into the needs of our clients and our province, but we can reach out and combine that with world-class sector experience across Canada and the U.S.," says Paul Sanford, the office leader of Stantec's Dartmouth office.

Locally, the company's engineers work

on many notable projects, including the Nova Centre, the Seaport market, Pier 21, Metro Transit's Bridge Terminal and the Ragged Lake Roadway Connector.

Stantec's promise is to "design with community in mind." Stantec team members consider the science, aesthetics and technology that go into a design, as well as how that design will fit into and benefit the local community. Stantec's work is always guided by community, creativity, and client relationships.

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CBCL opened its doors in 1955 with

an office in Halifax. Today, the company has grown to become one of the most successful multidisciplinary engineering firms in Atlantic Canada and has 300 employees spread across its eight regional offices.

CBCL is regarded as an excellent company to work for and has won numerous awards to back up that kind of claim. For this year alone, it was named the business of the year by the Halifax Chamber of Commerce, was a winner of Deloitte's

Canada's best managed companies program and was also selected as one of Atlantic Canada's top 25 employers by the editors of Canada's Top 100 Employers.

"I'm very proud to work at CBCL, it's a great organization to be a part of," Lane says.

The company is employee owned, which helps create an environment where open communication flourishes and employees experience a true sense of achievement in the work they produce.



Kent Lane

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A new Sunrise

NHL. Luongo era in Vancouver ends with trade to Panthers

For a while, Roberto Luongo was the starting goaltender for the Vancouver Canucks, and then at certain points one of their goaltenders.

By Tuesday afternoon as he settled down for a pre-game nap, Luongo seemed satisfied to be starting a game for the Canucks. Then he got the call from general manager Mike Gillis that a deal was worked out to send him to the Florida Panthers.

"Just when I was starting to let my guard down a little bit, what do you know, the trade happens," Luongo told reporters in Arizona. "So that's the way it goes."

The way it went was a stunning end to Luongo's roller-coaster tenure in Vancouver that included a trip to the Stanley Cup final, a demotion behind Cory Schneider, demands to trade him and finally a seat on the bench for the Heritage Classic he waited so long to start in. Florida gets the final eight seasons of Luongo's \$64-million US, 12-year contract along with ECHL forward Steve Anthony, and the Canucks get young goalie Jacob Markstrom and forward Shawn Matthias.

This trade ends almost three years of drama between Luongo and the Canucks.

"Am I happy about resolution of the situation? Yes, I am," Gillis said on a conference call Tuesday night. "These are tough decisions. It takes a lot of courage to trade a player like Roberto Luongo and insert young players into your lineup, but we felt strongly that this was the right time frame to



Roberto Luongo is on the outs in Vancouver after the Canucks traded him to the Panthers on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Also on the move

- Minnesota acquired goaltender Ilya Bryzgalov from Edmonton in exchange for a fourth-round draft pick. Edmonton then traded for netminder Viktor Fasth from Anaheim for a fifth-round pick this year and a third-round selection in the 2015 draft.
- The New York Islanders sent defenceman Andrew MacDonald to Philadelphia

for a pair of draft picks and minor-league centre Matt Mangene.

- Washington acquired forward Dustin Penner from Anaheim for a fourth-round pick in this year's draft.
- Montreal acquired defenceman Mike Weaver from Florida in exchange for a fifth-round pick in 2015.

Not a lot of wiggle room

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According to the CapGeek.com salary cap website, 8 teams have no actual cap space and can only add players using long-term injured reserve allowance space. The Toronto Maple Leafs are close to that and are expected to have about \$1 million available once they activate Dave Bolland off LTIR.



Dave Bolland
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think that way, and this was the first opportunity to act on it."

This was the final curtain, though trade talk surrounded Luongo for two off-seasons. On Tuesday afternoon before he caught a flight to meet his new team he reiterated that he

thought his contract was "untradeable."

Luongo said the trade caught him off-guard, and with reports swirling that the Canucks gave agent Pat Brisson permission to speak with other teams over the weekend, Gillis wasn't sure how to answer a

question about whether he actually believed the 34-year-old was stunned.

"I don't know what to say about that," Gillis said. "I know I woke Roberto up when I called him so maybe he was in shock and having a dream. I don't know." THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB. Kinsler says harsh comments about former team taken out of context

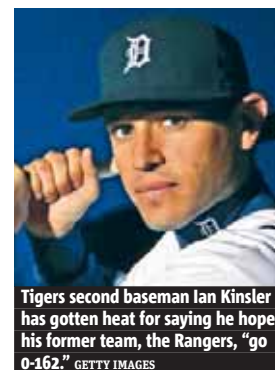
Ian Kinsler was expecting this kind of reaction — even if he didn't agree with the way his comments were portrayed.

Kinsler, who was traded from Texas to the Detroit Tigers in the off-season, said Tuesday some critical statements attributed to him in an ESPN The Magazine story were taken out of context. Kinsler was quoted as calling Rangers general manager Jon Daniels a "sleazeball."

"I'm not happy about it. I think that the story was written for drama, and taken a little out of context," the Tigers' new second baseman said. "I understand there were some things directed at the GM, but as far as my teammates and the fans, there's nothing negative to say about that, and I think the quotes taken about the general manager were taken a little out of context."

In the ESPN story, Kinsler blamed Daniels for the departure of Rangers CEO Nolan Ryan, who left the organization in October.

"Daniels is a sleazeball," Kinsler was quoted as saying. "He got in good with the owners and straight pushed Ryan out. He thought all the things he should get credit



Tigers second baseman Ian Kinsler has gotten heat for saying he hopes his former team, the Rangers, "go 0-162." GETTY IMAGES

for, Ryan got credit for. It's just ego."

Kinsler was also quoted as saying he hopes the Rangers lose every game this season: "To be honest with you, I hope they go 0-162."

Kinsler seemed surprised that comment in particular had gotten so much attention.

"That's a matter of telling a joke," he said.

At their spring camp in Surprise, Ariz., the Rangers seemed to take Kinsler's comments in stride.

"We won't go 0-162, guaranteed," manager Ron Washington said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Spring training

Bucs tame Tigers

Charlie Morton allowed one hit in three scoreless innings, helping the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 5-2 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Tuesday.

Kelly had two hits for the Tigers, and Austin Jackson hit a two-run homer in the fourth for Detroit's runs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Santana starts comeback with O's

Two-time AL Cy Young Award winner Johan Santana agreed Tuesday to a minor-league contract with the Baltimore Orioles as he tries to come back from the second major operation on his left shoulder.

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Lee tops Dickey, but Jays get win



Jays knuckleballer R.A. Dickey.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cliff Lee gave up a run in three innings, out-pitching fellow Cy Young Award winner R.A. Dickey, but Adam Lind and Dan Johnson each homered for the Toronto Blue Jays in a 5-3 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Tuesday night.

Lee, the 2008 AL Cy Young winner with Cleveland, allowed three hits and struck out two. He matched up against the 2012 NL winner — with the New York Mets — for

Spring training

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the second time in six days.

"Cliff was solid, a normal outing for him," Philadelphia manager Ryne Sandberg said.

"He had his fastball command and he made some good pitches. I thought he looked sharp."

Dickey yielded three runs and four hits in four innings of his second spring start. He struck out two and walked three.

"I felt strong, which is all I really care about right now," Dickey said. "Being able to get up and down (for four innings) early in spring, feeling great, that's important for me."

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Review. Walking the fine line between form and function ... and sometimes crossing it

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Station wagons have been around for decades, but perhaps no other brand is more identified with this form of transportation than Volvo. That's what makes the 2015 V60 Sportswagon such an important addition to the Sweden-based (and Geely of China-owned) fleet.

In many respects the V60 represents a return to Volvo's roots. There hasn't been a front-wheel-drive carryall in the brand's North American lineup since the V70 was retired after the 2010 model year. That left just the all-wheel-drive XC70 with its hiked-up suspension and blacked-out trim as the company's wagon flag-bearer.

In cargo capacity the V60 comes up a bit shorter than you would think when compared to the old V70. That's the cost of style, apparently.

The elegant interior features a unique "waterfall" control panel that flows downward from the dashboard onto the floor console. There's storage space behind the flat panel, which is pretty standard for Volvo. The rest of the cabin displays considerable premium content with the optional well-bolstered seats being precisely what you would expect in a car that uses the Sportswagon tag.

There's also plenty of sporting content to be found under the hood. The V60 and S60 will be the first Volvos to reach North America with a brand new engine. The turbocharged 2.0-litre four-cylinder "Drive-E" that will be available starting this summer generates 240 horsepower and 258 pound-feet of torque. All of Volvo's powerplants will eventually be based off the Drive-E, but for the time being buyers can also select the turbocharged 2.5-litre five-cylinder in the T5 AWD that makes 250 horsepower and 266 pound-feet of torque. Also offered is the turbocharged 3.0-litre six-cylinder in the AWD R-Design that produces 325 horsepower and 354 pound-feet of torque.

2015 Volvo V60

- **Type.** Four-door, front-/all-wheel-drive wagon
- **Engines (hp).** 2.0-litre DOHC I4, TC (240); 2.5-litre DOHC I5, TC (250); 3.0-litre DOHC I6, TC (325-345)
- **Transmissions.** Eight (2.0) and six-speed automatic (std. 2.5, 3.0)
- **Base price (incl. destination).** \$41,500

For a very select group of V60/S60 buyers, the performance-focused limited-edition Polestar ups the 3.0's output to 345 horsepower and 369 pound-feet. An eight-speed automatic transmission connects to the 2.0, while a six-speed automatic handles the cog-swapping chores for the five- and six-cylinder models.

Definitely helping the fuel economy in the city is technology that stops the engine when the V60 is briefly stationary then automatically restarts it when the brake pedal is released. Volvo will also eventually offer a turbo-diesel and a

Design

The V60 is an offshoot of the S60 sedan and shares much of its physical traits. However in back, the V60 presents one of the more attractively sculpted hatchbacks to grace any wagon. In most key measurements, length, width and distance between the front and rear wheels, both sedan and wagon are in a dead heat.

plug-in hybrid version of the V60. Base V60 models, regardless of power choice, arrive with climate control, heated front seats, power moonroof and a power parking brake.

The remaining trim levels — Premier, Premier Plus and Platinum — add notable features such as a rear park assist camera, power-retractable outside mirrors, navigation system and premium audio. The top Swede T6 R-Design comes with leather-covered sport seats, keyless start and 18-inch alloys. Of course safety-conscious Volvo offers an impressive selection of advanced crash-avoidance

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Engine

Along with a Volvo-measured zero-to-96-km-h (60-mph) time of 6.1 seconds, a major Drive-e bonus will be a fuel-consumption rating that's expected to be significantly lower than the inline five-cylinder's 9.9 l/100 km city and 6.5 highway.

aids. Notably, there's collision warning with pedestrian and cyclist detection as well as a Road Side Information Camera that projects speed-limit and no-passing signs onto the driver information screen. The car can warn the driver if the speed limit is exceeded.

It's that sort of unique safety gear that over the years has earned Volvo beloved-brand status. Ultimately, however, it's the V60 Sportswagon's sleek lines, inviting interior accouterments and potent, yet new-age thrift-conscious powertrains that will help propel more youthful buyers into the Volvo fold.

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Automakers to take bite of Apple's new system

CarPlay. Technology giant's attempt to infiltrate the inside of your vehicle is impressive and 'kind of a big deal'



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"I don't know how to put this, but I'm kind of a big deal."

Ron Burgundy said that in Anchorman, but you get the feeling Apple might say that too, though not too loudly, at this week's auto show in Geneva, as several show vehicles from Volvo, Ferrari and Mercedes-Benz are set to debut and demonstrate Apple's CarPlay.

CarPlay is Apple's way of infiltrating its operating system (OS) into the nerve centre of the automobile — it will allow you do everything you could do with your

iPhone while driving, but through the vehicle's built-in infotainment display.

Net result: the vehicle's display will feature recognizable Apple icons for music, phone, messages, navigation, etc. Volvo is introducing its new user interface on a concept displayed at Geneva, but the first production Volvo to feature it will be the all-new Volvo XC90 coming later this year — touted as the first vehicle to offer CarPlay.

According to Apple's website, Hyundai, Jaguar and Honda will join Volvo, Ferrari and Mercedes-Benz as the first six automakers to offer upcoming 2014 vehicles with CarPlay.

A whole bunch of other automakers also committed to roll out CarPlay, but a little further down the pike.

Apple says CarPlay can be operated with whatever controls the vehicle is equipped with, be they touch-screen, voice, rotary, or even a "joy stick" system like BMW's infamous iDrive.

No doubt that all the car makers, and the tech companies with a vested inter-



Volvo's new iPhone-friendly dash. COURTESY OF VOLVO

est like Google and Apple, are trying to give us all this great stuff with the easiest and safest interfaces possible, but the possibility of increased driver distraction is something that will always doggedly follow the technology.

There is just so much of it. And there's the catch 22

of when it's easier to use and blazingly beautiful, you just end up using it more. Like downing a bucket of low-cal ice-cream — good it's low-cal, but overall more bad because it's a whole bucket.

Reports are circulating that the U.S. vehicle transportation safety agency,

NHTSA, is worried about the increasing number of Americans getting killed in crashes involving a distracted driver, and is considering a ban on certain kinds of complex infotainment controls. "Joy stick" systems, for example, require an extra level of eye scanning, because the control

device is not directly beside the display.

NHTSA may also have a concern with touch screens — they are notorious for delays and false entrees, leaving drivers wondering — and distracted — about if they actually achieved their desired selection.

"There is a reason jet cockpits don't have touch screens," said Greg Horn, who follows industry trends for Mitchell, a leading supplier of tools and training programs for the auto industry.

"You have this tactile switch. You are instantaneously aware that you have pushed that button, and the function is complete."

Horn also noted that Lincoln's new MKC is actually backing away from touch screens a bit, by having a few more rotary knobs than the previous version of Lincoln MyTouch.

All said, I am looking forward to CarPlay, and I will try to not lose my head or get too distracted when I inevitably encounter Apple's spinning pinwheel of death.

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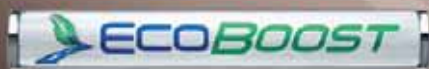


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One of the keys to safe, comfortable driving is having your seat adjusted properly. While you currently have to do it yourself, it may not be long before your car sets itself to exactly the right position for you, even before you get in.

Automotive seat manufacturer Johnson Controls has developed a system that automatically adjusts the power seat to your size, or to anyone else who is driving the car.

"(It uses) the height of the occupant as the input to automatically adjust the seat motors for optimal positioning," says Deb Wines, director of new tech-

nologies for Johnson Controls Automotive Seating.

"Passengers can enter their height via a smart phone, or an on-board camera could be used to determine the occupant's height."

The development is actually an algorithm that uses a person's size to determine everything that goes into proper seat

adjustment: the distance from the steering wheel, the seat's height, how the cushion is tilted, how far back the seat is reclined, and the position of the head restraint.

It wasn't a simple task, since preliminary research determined it wasn't enough to use leg length to figure out how far back the seat had to be, or torso length to adjust the seat's height. Instead, the developers found that measuring the body overall gave them the information needed to find exactly the right position for almost all users.

The system differs from a memory seat, which many cars already have.

These power-operated seats store one or more positions after the occupants have made the adjustments to the seats themselves, and then return to each position when a button is pushed or, in some vehicles, a specific key fob is used to open the car.

On the new automatic system, the seat does the work itself, making all the necessary adjustments after the driver has entered his or her height through a smartphone app, or into the car's vehicle settings.

And unlike a memory seat, the system can use the smartphone app to adjust itself even before a driver gets into the car for the very first time.

Take note

- **Position is paramount.** The correct seating position gives you better visibility, reduces fatigue, and helps prevent injury in a crash.

- **See for yourself.** Test by putting your wrist on the top of the steering wheel. You should have a slight bend in your elbow, but still be at least 25 cm from the wheel.

- **Different rules up front.** Front-seat passengers should sit up straight and never put their feet on the dash, since the airbag can cause severe leg damage in a crash.

"The pre-adjustment technology can be used by any number of difference occupants using the same vehicle," Wines says. "This is an important distinction when it comes to fleet vehicles, rentals, (or) car-sharing."

The system is ready for integration into new vehicles, and Johnson Controls is able to provide it worldwide to its automaker customers. "Once we receive a customer order, we expect to see this in vehicles in as little as two years," Wines says.

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March 21 - April 20

Today's cosmic set-up is fortunate, but only if you are prepared to get out into the world. You know the saying: It's not so much what you know that matters as who you know.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Now is the time to prove yourself. With your ruler Venus moving into the career area of your chart, you will impress people of power with ease — if you make the effort.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Venus, planet of emotional and material values, moves in your favour today, making it necessary to think about who and what means the most to you. You know the answer already, but remind yourself.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Everything is going so well for you at the moment that you may get a bit suspicious and wonder if it's some kind of cosmic trick. Nothing could be further from the truth. This is a genuine lucky streak, so enjoy.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Venus, planet of love, moves into the relationship area of your chart today, so anything of a partnership nature will go well. No matter how busy you may be, take time to remind that one special person how much they mean to you.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Remember it's quality, not quantity, that counts. If you keep that point in mind today, everyone will praise you for a job well done. If you try to do too much you'll please no one.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Too often in the past you have lacked the confidence to follow through on an idea. Now, you will look and act as if you can't fail. And you won't.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Venus, the planet that helps smooth over difficulties, moves into the domestic area of your chart today. Use its influence to reorder your home life in ways that suit your needs.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You can get through twice as much work in half as much time as you usually do today. But don't spend all your time on everyday chores because this is also an aspect that increases the fun factor.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

This should be a productive day but there is a danger that in your haste to show what you can do, you will take on too many tasks. Focus on the one thing you are great at.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

There is nothing you cannot do. With Venus, planet of harmony, joining Mercury in your sign today doors will open as if by magic and heads will turn as you walk down the street. You're worth watching.

Pisces

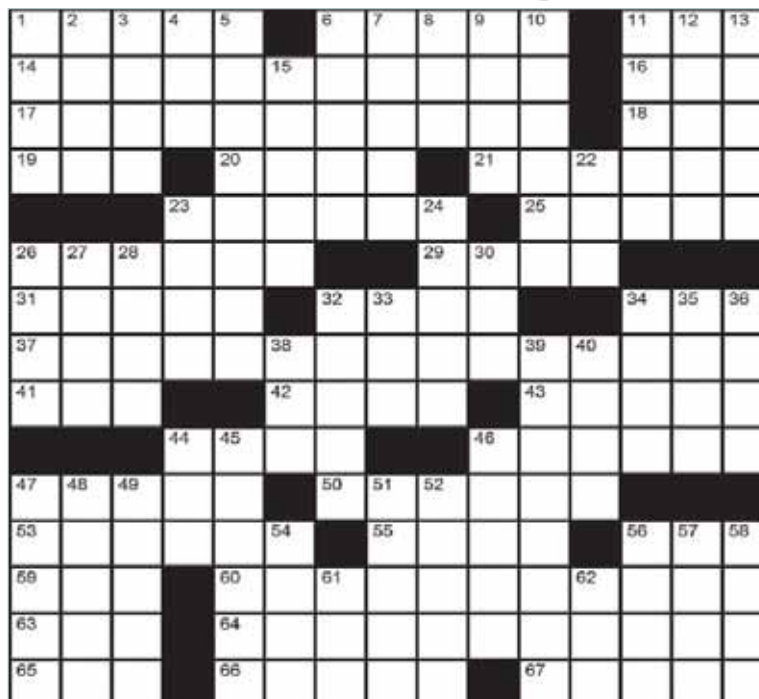
Feb. 20 - March 20

If someone is in trouble today you will ride to their rescue, no questions asked. While it's good of you to be generous with your time, you must be careful about how you use your money. And remember, it is YOUR money. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Note hit by a soprano, ___
6. Gene Pitney's "Twenty-Four Hours from ___"
11. Colorado NHL players, to fans
14. Shakespeare comedy: 4 wds.
16. Sass
17. The Pursuit of Happiness song: 3 wds.
18. Jeanne d'Arc, e.g.
19. ___ Z
20. Chess pieces, e.g.
21. Sandra Oh's Ontario birthplace
23. His-and-Her clothing
25. Microwaved
26. Equilibrium
29. Exuberance
31. Rice dish
32. Height: Prefix
34. Court game org.
37. Second Cup, for example: 3 wds.
41. Comic actress Ms. Gasteyer
42. Peace, in Paris
43. "___ had time to..." (There was extra time, so...)
44. Dave Clark Five's "Catch ___ You Can"
46. Ms. Danes
47. Chicago airport
50. Set up
53. St. ___ Canadian Memorial, in Belgium
55. Middle East country



56. Potsie's portrayer ...his initials-sharers
59. Blood-typing letters
60. Toffee brand in the tartan wrapper
63. "___ out!" (Ump's call)
64. Barenaked Ladies singer: 2 wds.
65. Jrs. dads

66. Songstress, Taylor ___
67. Playwright Eugene O'Neill's daughter's namesakes

Down

1. Chuckling sounds
2. Help ___ hand
3. Sandwich sort

4. Brick carrier
5. Saskatchewan town that is home to the 'World's Largest Tomahawk': 2 wds.
6. Inclines
7. Imperial decree
8. Romanian currency
9. Stop ___
10. Greek goddess
11. Tatshenshini-___

- Park, in northwest BC
12. 'V' of CV
13. Buy
15. Actress Ms. Anderson's
22. Fun-rhymer
23. The States fliers, commonly
24. Photocopy
26. Shelter gr.

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

27. Common noun suffix
28. Racing's Romeo
30. Prune
32. "Have ___ trip home!"
33. Phi's Greek alphabet follower
34. "Avatar" (2009) species
35. Casket stand
36. Green Gables girl
38. Prefix meaning 'Over'
39. Soapy-tasting-to-some herb
40. Hatful
44. Mr. Geller
45. Appeared
46. Construction site sight
47. "Back Stabbers": 1972 hit by The ___
48. Journalist/broadcaster, Karina ___
49. Then: French
51. Camera company
52. "The ___ has spoken." - Jeff Probst, "Survivor"
54. Zilch
56. PGA part [abbr.]
57. Nelly Furtado's 2000 debut album: '___, Nelly!'
58. American SINs equivalents
61. Sob
62. Ear: Prefix

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